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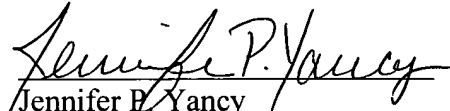
Patent FR 2,290,837 generally discloses a container having a reservoir 11 surrounding a pot 10 (see Figure 1).

Patent FR 1,208,813 generally discloses a pot for receiving a plant. The pot includes an inner chamber for receiving the root of the plant and an outer reservoir R having a capillary 7 for permitting liquid to flow into the inner chamber (see Figure).

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Patent DE 3523004 generally discloses a device for the long-term care of plants. The device includes a separated inner and outer compartment. Water fills the void between the outer wall 1 and an inner wall 3d (See Fig. 1).

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